Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

April 2010

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.5 percent between March 2010 and April 2010 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.5 percent and 0.5 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the April All-items Index increased from March 2010 primarily due to higher prices for furniture, cigarettes, and gasoline. Prices also rose for health care services, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, fresh vegetables, and women's clothing.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for dairy products, traveller accommodation, and homeowners' maintenance and repairs. Prices also fell for preserved vegetables and vegetable preparations, preserved fruit and fruit preparations, fresh or frozen chicken, and paper, plastic and foil supplies.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.1 percent between April 2009 and April 2010 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.8 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.2 percent and 1.8 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The April All-items Index increased from April 2009 primarily due to price increases for gasoline, the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, and electricity. Prices also rose for rent, food purchased from restaurants, cigarettes, and passenger vehicle insurance premiums.

These increases were partially offset by price decreases for homeowners' home and mortgage insurance, property taxes (including special charges), and natural gas. Prices also declined for home entertainment equipment, parts and services, bakery products, inter-city transportation and fresh vegetables.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	Apr. 2010	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2010 to Apr. 2010	Apr. 2009 to Apr. 2010
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	118.5	117.9	0.5	2.1
Food	122.2	122.7	-0.4	-0.2
Shelter	139.2	139.1	0.1	0.9
Household Operations and Furnishings	104.6	103.0	1.6	0.7
Clothing and Footwear	98.3	97.0	1.3	1.8
Transportation	111.0	110.0	0.9	5.5
Health and Personal Care	113.6	112.4	1.1	4.2
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.0	104.2	-0.2	1.5
Tobacco and Alcohol	141.1	135.6	4.1	7.6
All-Items Excluding Energy	117.2	116.6	0.5	1.5
Energy	130.7	129.5	0.9	6.4
CANADA				
All-Items	116.0	115.6	0.3	1.8
Food	122.8	123.1	-0.2	1.0
Shelter	122.4	121.7	0.6	0.8
Household Operations and Furnishings	108.5	108.3	0.2	1.1
Clothing and Footwear	94.1	93.6	0.5	-1.1
Transportation	117.4	117.1	0.3	6.2
Health and Personal Care	114.8	113.5	1.1	3.3
Recreation, Education and Reading	102.9	102.5	0.4	0.5
Tobacco and Alcohol	131.8	131.5	0.2	1.6
All-Items Excluding Energy	114.4	114.1	0.3	1.1
Energy	136.0	134.5	1.1	9.8
REGINA				
All-Items	118.7	118.1	0.5	2.2
SASKATOON				
All-Items	119.5	118.9	0.5	1.8

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Mar. 2010 to Apr. 2010	Apr. 2009 to Apr. 2010
Canada	0.3	1.8
Newfoundland	-0.1	2.5
Prince Edward Island	-0.2	2.3
Nova Scotia	0.2	2.5
New Brunswick	0.0	2.9
Quebec	0.3	1.9
Ontario	0.3	2.2
Manitoba	0.1	1.0
Saskatchewan	0.5	2.1
Alberta	0.2	1.6
British Columbia	0.5	1.0
Whitehorse	0.2	0.2
Yellowknife	0.3	1.6
Iqaluit	1.0	-1.5

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Mar. 2010 to Apr. 2010	Apr. 2009 to Apr. 2010
St. John's	-0.1	2.5
Charlottetown-Summerside	-0.2	2.1
Halifax	0.3	2.3
Saint John	0.0	3.0
Quebec City	0.2	2.0
Montreal	0.3	1.7
Ottawa	0.4	2.4
Toronto	0.4	2.4
Thunder Bay	0.4	1.6
Winnipeg	0.1	1.0
Regina	0.5	2.2
Saskatoon	0.5	1.8
Edmonton	0.2	1.7
Calgary	0.1	1.3
Vancouver	0.5	1.4
Victoria	0.4	0.4
Whitehorse	0.2	0.2
Yellowknife	0.3	1.6
Iqaluit	1.0	-1.5

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